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JP 8-216672 discloses an air conditioning unit 15 located in a forward region of the inner roof 16. The unit has a heat exchanger and a fan 18 inside the box body 17 and is described to be capable of both heating and cooling air. No openings are disclosed to be close to and on either side of the heater. No part of the heater is disclosed to be forwardly of any partition wall.

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JP 2002-275941 discloses an "air blending device" 40 or 40' with a fan heater. Air can be drawn in from outside the cabin 9 and/or inside the cabin by operating the lever 52 or 52' that operates the dumper 50 or 50'. The air is drawn into the heater box 42 by the fan and exhausted out from the exhaust openings 45 into inside the cabin.

KR 1998-55411 discloses a sealing member 12 of rubber material located at the end of a door plate 11.

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